

subdivisions, among which are the Bosakis, Hajwands, Isawands, and Hebidis, numbering 2800 families.¹

He is a tall, big, middle-aged man with a very wide mouth, and a beard dyed auburn with henna—very



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intelligent, especially as regards his own interests, and very well off, having built his castle himself.

He asked me if I thought England would occupy south-west Persia in the present Shah's lifetime? Which

¹ I am inclined to estimate the Bakhtiari population at a higher figure than some travellers have given. I took forty-three men at random from the poorest class and from various tribes, and got from them the number of their families, wives and children only being included, and the average was eight to a household.